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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Frank F. M. Murphy,
Head, Op-922H, ONI

SUBJECT: Commendation

1. Since the rupture of diplomatic relations between the Governments of Cuba and the United States, reliable sources of Cuban publications have become increasingly difficult to establish. It is noteworthy that ONI was among the first USIB components to develop collection directives and serve them upon field facilities, thereby permitting PROCIB to suggest to ONI methods for headquarters' processing and distribution of Cuban publications so obtained.

2. It is gratifying to report that ONI personnel involved, particularly Lt. Cmdr. H. A. Kusulos and Lt. Richard L. Knapp of Op-922H2, have cooperated with us enthusiastically in every aspect of this collection effort. It is due to such cooperation that three vital Cuban publications, Combate and Sierra Maestra, leading military journals, and the official CCP newspaper, Hoy, have been received with a good degree of regularity. The speed with which these and other Cuban publications are processed in ONI in order to make them available to CIA for photographic reproduction and distribution has contributed in large measure to the success of the program to date.

3. The USIB Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications has asked me to thank the Office of Naval Intelligence and to commend the individuals concerned in the procurement of Cuban publications for this valuable support. The Committee unanimously approved this action at its meeting on 19 September 1961.

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Acting Chairman
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